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Classified By: Political Minister Counselor Aubrey Carlson for reasons  
1.4 (B/D).

¶1. (C) PolOff on September 16 delivered to MFA International Organizations and Conferences Department Specialized UN Agencies Division Director Yang Shaokun reftel points urging China to support the candidacy of Michel Sidibe for new Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS). Yang noted that China is an observer, not a member, of the UNAIDS Programme Coordination Board. In principle, China supports an effective UNAIDS, but has not received complete information on all the possible candidates.

U.S. views will certainly receive "serious consideration," Yang assured PolOff.

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